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SUBJ: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT TO
SPAIN

REF: MADRID 2306

1. MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA TOLD ME ON APRIL 27 THAT HE WAS PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED BY HIS VISIT TO SPAIN APRIL 24-26. BENHIMA OBVIOUSLY FLATTERED BY HIGH- LEVEL RECEPTION HE GOT (ONE HOUR WITH FRANCO, TWO HOURS WITH CARRERO BLANCO, AND TWO MEETINGS WITH LOPEZ- BRAVO). HE THOUGHT HE HAD MADE PROGRESS IN CONVINCING SPANIARDS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT MAKE POLICY DECISIONS AFFECTING MOROCCO WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION MOROCCO' S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROBLEMS. HE HAD DETECTED A REAL INTEREST IN PRESERVATION OF MONARCHICAL REGIME IN MOROCCO AND HOPED THAT AS RESULT HIS TRIP THERE WOULD BE MODIFICATIONS OF SPANISH POLICY HELPFUL TO KING HASSAN. SAID THAT IN SPANISH POLICY ESTABLISHMENT THERE WERE OBVIOUSLY ELEMENTS WHO WERE NOT " HARD- LINERS ." BENHIMA HAD MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IF SPAIN PERSISTED WITH IDEA OF GRANTING INDPENDENCE TO SAHARA, THIS DECISION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO MOROCCO, WHICH WOULD NOT HESITATE

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TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR SPAIN IN THAT TERRITORY.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT NO FIRM DECISIONS HAD BEEN REACHED
DURING HIS VISIT BUT THAT HE THOUGHT VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
GROUNDWORK HAD BEEN LAID.

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